

**CATAWBA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**June 6, 2011**

**Adopted Budget**

**CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present the Adopted Fiscal Year 2011/12 annual budget for Catawba County, as approved by the Board of Commissioners on June 6, 2011. This document was prepared in compliance with the changes made to the County Manager's recommended budget by the Board of Commissioners at its June 2, 2011, wrap-up session.

On May 16, 2011, I presented my recommended budget. Budget hearings were held on May 31, 2011, with the wrap up session and public hearing on June 2, 2011. During deliberations, the Board made changes to the budget as follows:

- Baseline funding to Mental Health Partners (MHP) was decreased by \$17,969 to match Burke County's \$2.15 per capita funding for mental health services. Total mental health funding remained unchanged, however, as the County provides mental health funding over and above the amount contributed by Burke County for services provided to Catawba County citizens. These funds, subject to review annually, support Catawba Valley Behavioral Healthcare (CVBH) and Family Net. CVBH funds which are part of the MHP budget increased by \$9,883 and Family Net funds which are part of Social Services budget increased by \$8,086.
- General Fund Contingency was increased by \$50,000. Originally the State notified the County it would pay maintenance on the voting equipment next year. The Board of Elections Director has been notified that this is unlikely to happen now. Funds were added to contingency to address this need should the State fail to pay the maintenance.
- The Register of Deeds budget was increased by \$30,000 to redact personal information from online records as allowed by statute.
- The Historical Association budget was increased by \$2,500.
- The Cooperative Extension Service budget was increased by \$11,208 to fund the Administrative Assistant position for the entire year instead of half of the year.

As a result of the above changes, the final budget is \$196,814,846. The budget document reflects the budget appropriations and outcomes as adopted by the Board on June 6, 2011, and lowers the property tax rate to 53 cents. The County Manager's message, however, is included as it was originally presented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Thomas Lundy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J." and last name "Lundy" clearly distinguishable.

J. Thomas Lundy  
County Manager